

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Here we are again looking forward to the start of another school year.

The cafeteria 2019-2020 pricing for lunches are separated by grades (three groups): Pre-Kindergarten thru 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> will be charged accordingly. This change is a result of Federal guidelines and the portion sizes dictated for children of different ages. Breakfast prices will also be separated by grades (two groups): Kindergarten thru 5<sup>th</sup> grades and 6<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grades.

Parents/guardians are requested to prepay all meals. Any amount of money can be put on your child's account to be accessed through the PIN # they enter on the keyboard. Please don't hesitate to call/email with questions/concerns or to place restrictions/limits on what your student(s) can purchase. You may contact us at 369-3222 EXT 2109 or [krouse@towschool.org](mailto:krouse@towschool.org).

**2019-2020 CAFETERIA PRICES**

<b>BREAKFAST</b>	<b>PK-5</b>	<b>6-12</b>	<b>Adult *plus tax*</b>
Meal Deal (Main, Fruit, Juice/Milk)	\$1.55	\$1.85	n/a
<b>Ala Carte</b>			
Main Breakfast Item Only Daily Special Bagel w/cream cheese Cereal w/Milk Pop Tart Parfait w/granola	\$2.00	\$2.25	\$2.25      \$3.00
Milk/Juice	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.75
Extra Condiments (Cream Cheese, Peanut Butter, etc.)	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50
Fruit/Side Item	\$0.75	\$0.75	\$1.00

<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>PK-5</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>Adult *plus tax*</b>
Meal Deal (Main, Vegetable, Fruit, Juice/Milk)	\$2.20	\$2.70	\$2.80	n/a
2 <sup>nd</sup> Meal	\$2.75	\$3.00	\$3.25	n/a
<b>Ala Carte</b>				
Main Only Daily Special PBJ Hotdog Salad Bar Large Soup	\$1.75	\$2.25	\$2.25	\$3.75
Milk/Juice	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.75
Fruit/Veggie/Side Item	\$0.75	\$0.75	\$0.75	\$1.00
Extra Condiments (ie Peanut Butter, salad dressing etc.)	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50
Ice Cream	\$0.75	\$0.75	\$0.75	\$1.00
Vending Drink	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.50

Please read and complete a **Free and Reduced Price Meal Program application**. You may not know this but the more we have on file the more government aid we receive. Not just in the cafeteria, but throughout the whole school. The way I see it when I look at my paycheck and see FICA, Federal, State, medical and percentages for this and that, I really have to wonder, what are they doing with this money? Well if you fill out a Free and Reduced application some of that money comes right back here to Old Forge. For every application submitted with student need, we get Federal and State money back, *your* tax money. It's one of the only ways we can directly funnel some of our hard earned income to our community. ***Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals at no charge.***

The limits are quite high as a family of four can have an income of **\$47,638**. No student is identified as receiving a Free or Reduced meal because all students put in their own PIN # and the transaction looks as if a student has a prepaid account. If you or your child does not say anything no one can ever tell. *I'd like to point out Free or Reduced lunch and/or breakfast (same application) applies to the "purchase" of a single meal and not additional meals during the same period.*

***Please keep in mind, that if you qualified for Free and Reduced meal programs during the 2018-2019 school year, your child(ren) will receive benefits thru September 30, 2019 as the change over date is October 1, 2019. Incoming Kindergarten students living in the same household with older sibling(s) who qualified for Free and Reduced meal programs during 2018-2019 will automatically qualify to receive these benefits thru September 30, 2019 as well.***

**ICE CREAM LOTTERY!** To increase participation in our school cafeteria program this year we have created an ice cream lottery. To be entered in the ice cream lottery simply complete an application for the NYS Free and Reduced breakfast/lunch program. Regardless of application status, you will be entered in the drawing at Open House, Thursday, 9/12/19. The winner will receive ***twenty (20)*** FREE ice cream ***coupons*** to be used at their leisure till the end of the 2019-20 school year which is sponsored by the **Kans for Kids Donation Fund**.

The cafeteria staff would like to welcome everyone back. We are looking forward to another spectacular year!

Sincerely,

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